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To: Microsoft ATR
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Subject: Sell their language business

Dear DOJ,

Microsoft's predatory actions will not be stopped by this settlement. The settlement provisions are much too vague and aren't forward-looking. Microsoft's .NET will ensure its continued monopoly. The amount of information they (and they alone) will glean from the public's use of .NET will give them a huge tactical advantage over any other company that would like to compete in any computing environment.

The hardest tie-in to Microsoft is their new programming languages. Create a program for Microsoft using one of their languages and your product becomes very hard to move to any other platform; this due to designed differences. I feel the punishment should be that Microsoft must sell their language business and give the proceeds to registered users of Microsoft products.

Microsoft has not made the computer revolution possible. The revolution has been the internet. Don't be lenient on them due to their supposed importance in today's world. We would have what we have today without Microsoft having ever existed. They do not innovate, they assimilate.

Sincerely,
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